

# THE STROBE

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# Mara bids fond farewell

FSC Press Release

Fitchburg State College President Dr. Vincent J. Mara, the longest serving four-year state college president in New England, met with the campus community on September 8 to announce his resignation, effective at the end of this academic year.

Dr. Mara served the college for 18 years, overseeing its development into one of the most respected state colleges in the Commonwealth.

Mara notified the college's board of trustees of his decision at their

regularly scheduled meeting on the evening of September 7. That group will lead the search for a successor.

In brief remarks to faculty, staff and administrators, Mara quoted Tennyson ("The old order changeth, yielding place to new") and said he was "making way for new leadership for our college."

"I have loved [the college] and you with a great passion because of my belief in the importance of what this whole enterprise is all about," he said. "It has been, it is now, and ever shall be a struggle to

uphold academic excellence and quality of service. But the struggle is worth it because our state and our nation are dependent upon our ability to produce people who will maintain a civilized culture. It is an extraordinary enterprise, and I have been mighty proud to have shared a significant part of my life participating in it with you. I thank you and wish you Godspeed."

Following his appointment in 1976 as the eighth president of Fitchburg State, Mara embarked an

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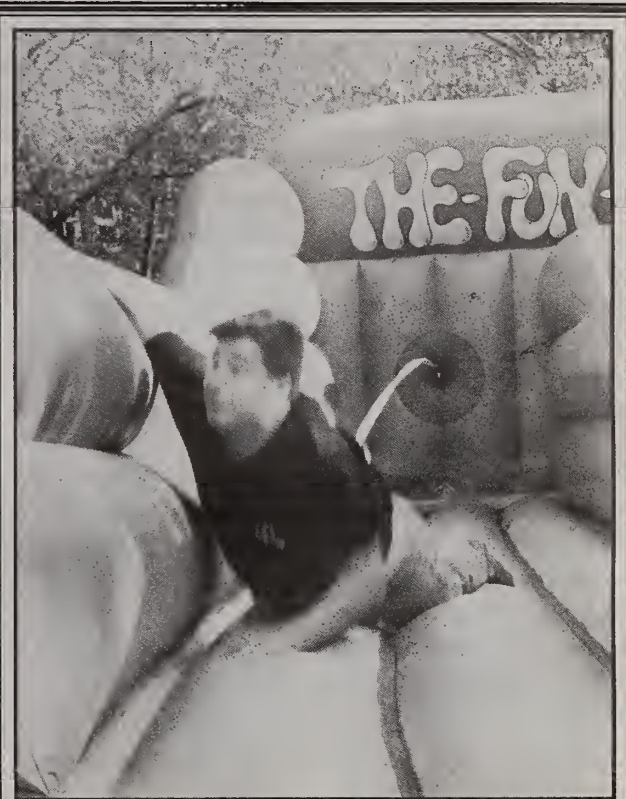


photo by Kristi Widberg

Ed Puliafico took a break from his duties as SGA President when he attempted Bungee Running on September 14 in the FSC Quad.

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## FSC goes smoke free

by Mark LeBlanc  
Strobe staff

Police officers crouched cautiously behind their cruisers, guns drawn, megaphone to mouth stating, "Come out slowly, with your cigarette above your head." This statement, from a recent ad in Time magazine, suggests how many smokers might feel this semester.

As of July 1, 1994, the Fitchburg State College campus became smoke-free, only allowing students to smoke outside

campus buildings and in their residence hall bedrooms, with the consent of their roommate(s).

Last semester, the All College Committee (ACC) passed a proposal which stated, "smoking will be banned from all campus buildings with the exception of rooms or suites in residence halls." (ACC #604) While this action was approved by both ACC and FSC President Vincent Mara, it may be short-lived.

Already a front

page topic in local newspapers twice, the "no smoking" policy has some angry students ready to fight for a swift reversal. "We're being treated like we have the plague or something," FSC student Suzanne Barret told the Fitchburg Sentinel & Enterprise. "We should have the right to do what we want."

In addition to the new smoking ban, President Mara said in a memo to the ACC that he will request FSC's Health Services and Personal staff to

"find ways to provide support mechanisms for those members of our college community who are smokers and who would seek assistance in eliminating the smoking habit."

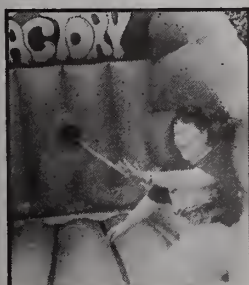
With this in mind, a "Smoking Cessation" program took place on September 15 in G-lobby to hear people's concerns about the new smoking policies.

A sign-up program for people wanting to quit was also available. Prizes will be awarded to partici-

pants who remain smoke-free and faithful to the program. For the program to remain honest, friends must attest that the participant did not smoke and carbon monoxide tests will also be given.

Health Services gives support to those choosing to quit smoking through counseling, videos and pamphlets. Anyone interested in these services should call (508) 665-3216 or visit the Health Services office in the Anthony Building.

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## Enrollment increases at FSC

by Derek Valcourt  
Strobe staff

Enrollment at Fitchburg State College increased by 20 percent this fall semester. The admissions department said that 887 new students attended the college in the fall of 1993 compared to the 1,062 new students attending FSC classes this fall.

Residence Life has also benefitted from the increased enrollment. There are 647 students living in the residence halls this year, a 30 percent increase over the 481 students that resided in them last year.

"Probably the lowest dip we've had in enrollment was back in '89 and '90, and that was a planned cutback," said Marke Vickers, director of admissions, explaining that the college was trying to downsize and only took 850 students that year. She said that in 1991 and 1992 the college took in over 1,000 new students each year.

Vickers attributes the dip that followed in 1993 to a population dip of high school seniors in New England over the last four years.

Vickers attributes this semester's dramatic increase to a strong and consistent admissions staff in

its third year coupled with innovative recruiting techniques.

"We personally visited over 500 schools this year," said Vickers, adding that the school now also recruits in eight states. "Five years ago we were recruiting only in Massachusetts. Now we are recruiting in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont as well as internationally."

International enrollment is increasing as well. Four years ago, only four international students came to the college. This year there are 31 students from all over the world.

Vickers said that

they involved more of the college's own on-campus students in recruiting this year. "Telecounseling" involved FSC students reaching out and calling potential students and offering them information and their own perspective on the college.

"It's a very honest approach. The prospects are able to talk with another student and that's more important than talking with an admissions counselor."

The department has also had a number of tools to work with including a well-organized family of brochures and general video about the col-

lege. "The videos were done by the Communications department and have been highly successful," said Vickers.

In the video is general information about the college and one version of the video has a two minute focus on the Communications department. "We sent the video to all accepted Communications majors and had a 30 percent increase in the yield of Communications majors," she said, explaining that the yield is the number of students that the college accepts who agree to attend the college. "Part of that increase is due to the video."

## Puliafico heads 1st SGA meeting

by Jennifer Scull  
Strobe staff

Ed Puliafico, the Student Government Association (SGA) President, began the first meeting of the 94-95 academic year with an excerpt from the SGA Constitution. He plans to focus much of this year on school policies and governing, rather than extra campus programs.

Puliafico expressed his concern for each class to research a policy change or problem on campus that students are concerned with.

Scott McCabe, the Class of 95 Vice President, is working with the City of Fitchburg to help reduce the violence in the neighborhood surrounding the college. He is hoping to install a neighborhood watch program to help clean up these violent streets.

"I am going to miss the college terribly" said Presi-

dent Vincent J. Mara as he announced his official word of departure to the SGA members Tuesday night.

President Mara spoke about the search committee that will be reviewing resumes over the course of the year in search of a new President. The committee has allotted one seat for a student to voice his/her opinion on the final decision. Any student may submit their name for consideration, but he/she should be articulate and available for meetings to review and discuss resumes.

The committee expects to have a new President selected by April or May. However, President Mara stated that he will remain here until a new candidate is found.

Dr. Charles Ratto discussed several projects that are underway for this new academic year. The school is in the process of buying

another van to shuttle students to various off campus happenings. The two vans together will allow the transport of 27 students at one time.

Dr. Ratto also spoke about establishing television monitors in various buildings on campus that will view faculty absences, announcements, activities and essentially provide instant information to students.

At the meeting, the following students were appointed to the Judicial Board: Donald Fraser, Gary Greco, Andrew Santos, Ronville Savoury and Kim Yard. Jeanine Riopel was appointed to the Student Judicial appeals board.



## M.A.R.S. seeks support

by Cynthia Trainque  
Strobe staff

A reception was held in the Pub on September 14 for all older students interested in re-establishing themselves as a recognized organization on campus. M.A.R.S. (Mature and Returning Students) has been largely inactive for nearly a decade.

Many concerns were voiced during what became an open forum that lasted nearly two hours. Among them was the need for support from other students who are also juggling jobs, spouses, children, mortgages and in some instances, elderly parents. Also discussed was a need for a place to gather in a lounge-type setting, activities involving their children both on and off campus and other things to help this rapidly growing group of students feel more at home at FSC.

Many students who attended orientation expressed dismay calling it "a waste of time." Date rape discussions, tours of the dormitories and talks "where all the good parties are" were a few of the topics covered during orientation that these older students did not view as essential.

Donna Goodwill, the M.A.R.S. advisor from Counseling Services, mailed a calendar of events just before the start of school to nearly 770 day students aged 23 and up.

More pertinent information about campus life will be given during the next meeting on Wednesday, September 28 from 11:30-1:30 in the Pub. All students aged 23 and up are invited to attend.



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ambitious course that resulted in a host of accomplishments:

\*Programs to strengthen and feature faculty scholarship and teaching were developed, including the Harrod Lecture Series, the Ruth Butler Grants and the Mara Award for Excellence in College Teaching.

\*The curriculum was fine-tuned with new or re-focused majors in Business Administration, Industrial Technology, Economics and Communications/Media and the college successfully earned two full 10-year accreditation from the New England Association of College and Universities.

\*A new general education program, which includes a multicultural perspective and a common, coherent core of learning for all freshmen, was

crafted.

\*An Alumni Office was opened and staffed, and an annual program of activities and fund-raising was begun, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars for student scholarships.

\*New ties to the off-campus community were developed, including a series of symposia that fostered community discussions, the Montachusett economic Center (founded to assist local business and non-profit agencies), and annual performing arts and visual artist and lecturer series to enrich the region's cultural life.

\*New and expanded programs for adult and part-time learners were launched in the evening, including new graduate offerings in counseling, business and criminal justice.

\*Two new dormitory complexes were com-

pleted, nearly doubling the resident population of the college.

\*A Foundation, which has served as the model for all other Massachusetts state college fund-raising efforts, was founded in 1977 and an endowment in excess of \$3.5 million was built in three aggressive fund-raising drives.

\*The campus underwent a major beautification and energy conservation effort.

\*A new budget system-part of Mara's "reinventing government" style-was initiated to reform the method of financing college projects and decentralize budget decisions.

\*A series of international initiatives were begun, establishing Fitchburg State branches in several foreign countries and increasing the international student population to nearly 100.

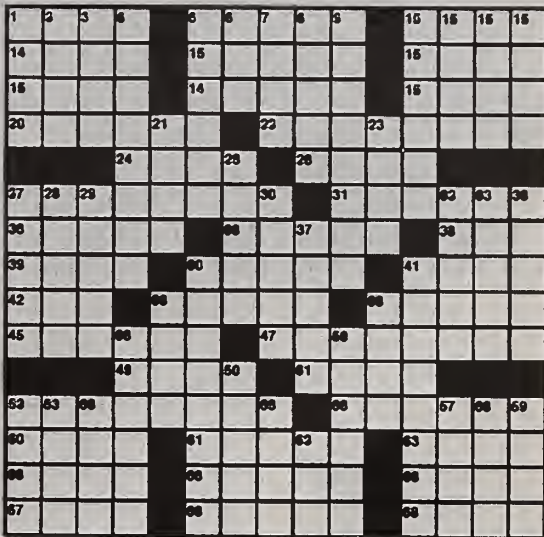
Field Hockey cont. from page 8 ing. We would like to score. But we can't score until we get down that end."

But scoring is going to be a problem. The Falcons lost their two best offensive players to graduation. They need someone to step up. "Wendy

Gagliani is, hopefully, going to suck up the scoring, her and Erika Oliver," said Valardi.

The team hopes to defend last year's MASCAC championship title. They begin division play October 8th against Westfield State.

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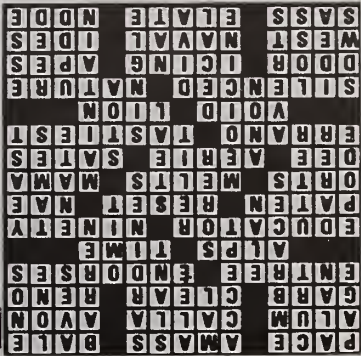
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ANSWERS



New Residence Life Director

by Jennifer Scull  
Strobe staff

There is a new hand at the helm this year as Christine Corsello takes over as the Residence Life Director for Fitchburg State College. Corsello is replacing Sherri Nickel-Milestone who was offered a position in the Residence Life office at another State College.

Corsello, the assistant director for the last two years, is familiar with the residence halls on campus and hopes to continue the building of a good community for all resident students. She feels that the dormitories should be a safe and quiet educational environment where students can feel at home outside of the classroom.

Corsello is excited about the increased enrollment and hopes that it continues in the years ahead. She said that the increased resident student enrollment requires more work from the staff and if it continues, they might have to hire more personnel to match the workload.

Corsello has worked in administration for ten years. She graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Master of Science degree in Counseling and College Student Personnel.

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gusting, and degrading. I can't imagine gay life being centered on sex. After all sex is not the most important thing in life. Homophobes are so obsessed with sex that when the subject of homosexuality comes up they never even get close to imagining a gay relationship that

is not plagued with non-stop torrid disgusting sex. Kind of makes you wonder if homophobes are even capable of having any type of relationship with out sex being the center of attention.

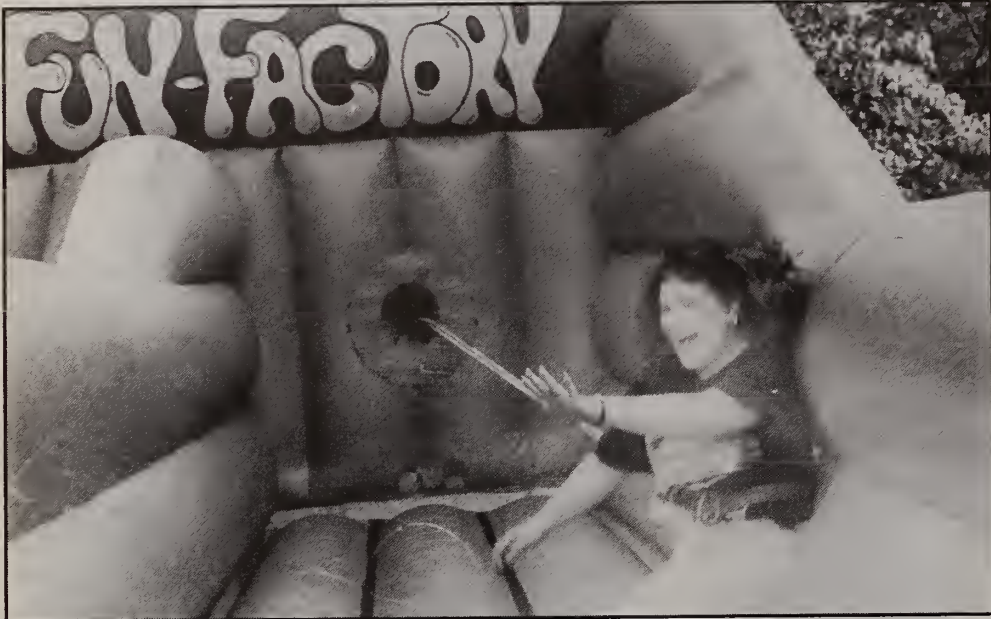
Living in a college environment, surrounded by at least the notion of enlightenment, we don't

have to deal with a lot of homophobia. However in the mainstream public it does have its strongholds. I suppose we can all hope that they kill each other off in a fit of paranoia. Until then, tell a gay person that you love them no matter what they do with their penis.





## Students bounce their way to happiness



Deanna Aldsworth, Chairperson of Programs Committee, gets bounced at her own event.

by Kristi Widberg  
Strobe staff

"Put your weight behind it," suggested SGA President Ed Puliafico. "It's very fun. Try it."

Puliafico was referring to the monstrous silver and blue moon bounce on the quad on September 14 which gave approximately 90 FSC students a chance to test their talents at bungee running.

The inflated moon bounce had a high back wall and two shorter side walls. A cushy partition separated the middle area, usually wide open in a moon bounce. Two students, side by side, had a bungee rope strapped

around their waists and anchored to the back wall.

The students were each given a velcro-covered baton and encouraged to run as hard as they could against the bungee rope and slam the velcro batons onto velcro strips running the lengths of the side and middle walls before being violently yanked to the back wall. Whoever made it the farthest won the race and the best two out of three races won a Programs t-shirt or plastic message board and pen.

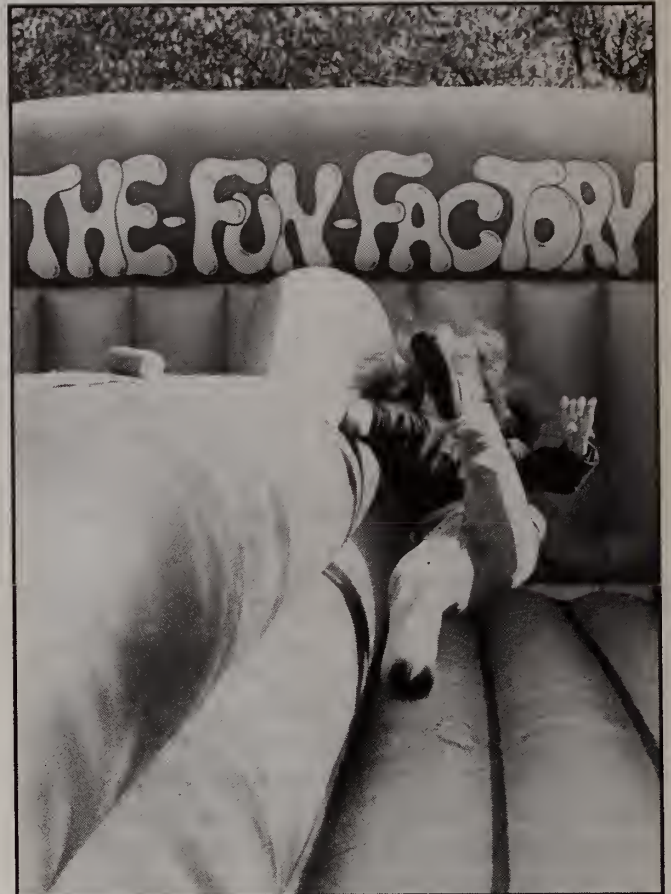
Bill Arbuckle, one of the first participants, said that bungee running was like a "gut begone system" because he felt like it "ripped my stomach out".

However, he did add "It was fun."

Keith Gerard said, "My bladder doesn't like me anymore," as he bounced off the attraction. During his third race, the bungee snapped him onto his back, his arms and legs flailing.

Even Dr. Charles Ratto, Vice President of Student Affairs, stopped by to watch the festivities. "Excellent," he said. "Great student activity."

The idea for the Bungee Running event came from brainstorming done by the Programs Committee. Deanna Aldsworth, Chairperson of the Programs Committee, said that the event was se-



BOINNG!!!

Photos by Kristi Widberg

lected "to put a little spice into this campus."

Bruce Smick Amusements, Inc., provided the "Bungee Fun Run". This company also brought the velcro jumping to FSC last semester.

When asked if people could reach the edge of the bungee run, the operator of the attraction, Henry, responded, "Sure. I've had football players who have hit the ground." Some FSC students did

manage to make it to the end of the bungee run, but none, unfortunately, managed to match that feat.

Students had to sign forms prior to their bungee run to relieve the Programs Committee and FSC of any liability in case of injury.

Henry, however, noted that the bungee run was extremely safe. "The worst you can get is mat burn," he said as he stomped his cigarette out.





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## Everyone has an opinion

Leo Bray  
Strobe staff

Have you ever read an article and enjoyed it so much that you wanted to respond to the writer? When you read something you don't like, do you feel the need to deliver a verbal slap to the author of the piece? Have you ever said to yourself, "I wish someone would write something decent about <you fill in the blank>?" Do you have an overwhelming urge to share your opinion on some issue with the rest of FSC?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then Uncle Leo wants YOU! Don't misunderstand me — we're not fishing for compliments here. While we enjoy praise as much as anyone, differing opinions would make the Opinion page even more exciting. Of course we would love it if someone wrote in saying how much they loved some article, but the variety provided by a discordant opinion would be at least as welcome.

As the editor of the Strobe's Opinion section, I would like to see some feedback — either positive or negative — on the opinions we print, as well as any other opinions our readers want to share with their classmates.

The Opinion page offers us the opportunity to express our own ideas in our own way. I would like to share this opportunity with our readers. One of the first questions on your mind at this point is, "Can we do this anonymously?" I know this is a concern because people have asked me such questions in the past. My answer, in most cases, would be, "No." Of course, if you wanted to write in about something of a highly personal or delicate nature, you could meet with or call me to discuss the subject.

In most cases, however, you have nothing to fear from putting your name on your opinion. Whether you write it down and send it to us or not, someone will always disagree with your opinion. To quote Stuart Smalley,

"That's okay." If this wasn't true, our conversations, writing and lives would be pretty boring. So take a chance, invite a good argument. That's what I'm doing by asking for these submissions. The way I see it is: if I sign my work, why shouldn't you?

It has often been said, not only by me, that apathy and lack of participation are two of FSC's biggest problems. If you would like to show your fellow students that you're doing your part to combat each of these shortcomings, please share your opinions with us. We would be happy to include as many clearly-written, intelligent submissions as we can. All submissions will be subject to editing, just as this article is.

Please bring your opinions, typed or written legibly, to the Strobe office, located in Room BC-17 of the Hammond Building (just past the Pub), or send them via campus mail to: The Strobe, Opinion Editor. We look forward to hearing from you!

## 'Kill the faggot'

### - an essay on homophobia -

by Rob Haneisen  
Strobe staff

Question. Why are the majority of homophobes male?

Answer. Because only men have enough over-flowing pride in their genitals to hate and fear someone based on something as insignificant as how one uses his penis.

Only in males will you see gay-bashing to the extent of physical, testosterone-injected violence. Male homosexuality as viewed by the homophobe is not just a perversion or an "alternative" lifestyle. Rather, male homosexuality as viewed by the homophobe is taken as a direct insult to all men and their world-encompassing, ever-important and always potent penises.

Do you say this is bizarre and can't be true? Then try to find an explanation for male homophobia and its violent nature and why this violence is lacking in women who may have their own personal aversions to lesbianism.

The more common complaint or fear expressed by women against lesbians is that of lesbian couples adopting children or, God forbid, lesbians teaching in the school system. In women, it seems that their distaste for homosexuality is rooted in a belief that homosexuality is a morally corrupt institution. Hence, you have the religious overtones and the parental instinct to guard children from something believed to be so vile.

With men, homophobia is much more dangerous. Here's an example. As a member of the National Guard I wear a green camouflaged uniform once a month and venture off to the woods with many other similarly

dressed individuals.

Anyway, I've seen and heard the prime examples of dangerous homophobes on many a weekend drill. With President Clinton's attempt to openly allow homosexuals into the military, I feel all it has opened up is the opportunity for some military personnel to boast their hatred. Here is one conversation with a former fellow National Guardsman (yes, it is true).

"If I were in combat with someone who I knew to be a homosexual I would kill the faggot the first chance I got."

"But why are you so afraid of homosexuals that you want to kill them?"

"I'm not afraid of them; they simply have no right to exist. They should be rounded up and put on an island to be used for nuclear testing. These people are sick; they must be destroyed."

Shocking? Yes, and a bit on the extreme side of what I usually encounter, but if you ask me, homophobes should be the ones rounded up and placed on an island.

There are a few explanations about homophobes. There is always the theory that homophobia is based on self-hatred; that homophobes are actually severely repressed homosexuals. This could be possible, but I'll stick to my theory that homophobia is sexually centered and that homophobes perceive homosexuality as an insult to their penises, which, if you think about it, is really moronic.

Homophobes associate homosexuality with the sex act itself and it is that sex act which homophobes view as dis-

"A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are volitional and are the portals of discovery."

by James Joyce



# Helmet scores with 'Betty'

by Joe Viola  
Contributing writer

What enters your mind when you hear the word helmet? If you're like most people, you probably form the image of some sort of protective headgear donned by army guys or football players. But for those like myself, the quartet of Page Hamilton, John Stanier, Henry Bogden and Rob Echeverria is what immediately comes to mind. These four men form the band Helmet, which has been an industrial music mainstay since its inception.

The newest Helmet release is titled "Betty," complete with a cover fea-

turing a portrait of blonde Betty herself, sitting in a serene country meadow clutching a basket of yellow roses. Helmet fans are quick to explain that this picture is by no means indicative of the music contained within.

On "Betty," the band continues to bombard the listener with the same get-out-of-my-face music it has always been known for. Add into the mix a number of catchy phrases, socially conscious lyrics and loud riffs and you have yourself a pretty good piece of work.

True to form, Helmet continues to produce material that few can match in intensity. The first track,

"Wilma's Rainbow," starts off with a barrage of distorted chords, then explodes out of the blocks faster than Carl Lewis. After a few moments of madness, front-man Hamilton is heard for the first time. His half-singing and half-preaching vocal work retains all the edge it ever had, almost daring any listener to get off the wall and into the mosh pit. The music is perfect for this kind of activity.

Beneath the abrasive sound on "Wilma's Rainbow" are lyrics like, "You've heard about 'be your own man'/You talk a lot, and loud/Illustrate the obvious, boy/You're mentally endowed," which re-

veal Hamilton's wit. Hamilton is adept at aiming his message toward his audience, because of his ruthless voice, which fits so well with the music being played.

As the album plays on, there is no let down. Tunes like "Milquetoast" and "Clean" follow the Helmet norm or angry guitars and hard lyrics. But one particular note of interest is the band's use of distortion, a-la Beastie Boys no doubt, but still cleverly integrated into the Helmet style. Songs like "Biscuits for Smut" and "Rollo" show a somewhat subdued and distorted Hamilton. But what he lacks in rage is replaced by a biting

voice, which makes him sound almost wraith-like. It's good to see an established band open up to new ideas and show some innovation, which makes the music all the more enjoyable.

If you're like me and you happened to miss the Helmet, Rollins and Sausage show at the Wallace Civic Center a few weeks back, then make peace with yourself for committing such a faux pas. In the meantime, you can make up for some of that loss if you head down to your local record store and buy a copy of "Betty". I'm sure you won't be disappointed after you listen to your new found gem.

## Second Nature opens Coffeehouse

by Jason Koivu  
Strobe staff

The musical duo of Martin Guigui and Chad Hollist who call themselves "Second Nature" proved to be worthy openers for the Programs Committee's first Coffeehouse on Sunday, Sept. 11. In no time at all they had the audience clapping and singing along to their crowd pleasing music.

"We met three or four years ago and there was this instant chemistry," said Guigui, a keyboardist and vocalist, about his relation to band mate Hollister.

Although the group's instrument selection is basically limited to two per song, the musicians wouldn't have it any other way.

"We've done a couple of gigs where people would come and sit in, and it would screw it all up. It would destroy that chemistry," said Hollister, who alternately plays percussion and guitar.

The two set performance was comprised of original songs as well as cover-tunes. Original songs such as "Sand" and "See-saw of Love" describe relationships in the soft-rock genre.

"The whole theme behind "Second Nature" is really being able to do what we've never been able to do, which is to go and play our own stuff," said Hollister. Although their own songs may not be adventurous musical endeavors, they are, however, conducive to studying.

The band's selection of covers was the highlight of the show. They played a bouncy rendition of "Feelin' Alright," a song made popular by Joe Cocker. A slick medley of songs by the Doobie Brothers, Spin Doctors, and Warren Zevon, as well as the ever popular theme to the "Peanut's" brought an end to the night.

Both Guigui and Hollister have a rigorous work ethic. Besides "Second Nature," both have

other separate bands that they're involved in. They also own a studio where they record their own material as well as advertisement jingles. They are currently working on an album of their own original

work.

"You try to work as much as you can," said Guigui.

The band, based in Burlington, VT, will be playing in Los Angeles in November. From there

they will embark upon a three week tour of the Caribbean, which they are looking forward to.

"This is just the beginning. You have to pay your dues," said Guigui.



photo by Jason Koivu

"Free Beer", John McKusick, Ben Thibault, N.J. Lariyierre, and Brandon Durham, played at Fall Fest on September 15 outside Russell Towers.



# Mixed bag at Comedy Night

by Gina Procopio  
Staff writer

Programs Committee managed to draw quite a large crowd for a double-billed Comedy Night for Thursday night, Sept 8. Judging by the attendance at these two shows, featuring Bob Marley and Chance Langston as the headliner, you would have thought the show was well worth the dollar. However, this audience member begs to differ about the quality of the performance.

Waiting outside of the pub during the eight o'clock show and hearing the roars of laughter, I anticipated a wonderful time. I was in for a surprise. Bob Marley, who has performed at Comedy Night before, was as funny as usual. His material related well to the college scene

and his physical antics and facial gestures sent everyone into fits of laughter.

The next performer, Chance Langston, appeared to be poorly prepared. His act consisted of picking on members of the audience for their majors, names or something as simple as the way they clapped. Some of his prepared material seemed offensive to those of different nationalities and other comments were rather chauvinistic.

Most of his jokes were so bad that some people laughed sympathetically or in disbelief. If his material got no response at all, as they often did, Langston would just repeat it over and over until he got some sort of response. In short, there was no "chance" for the success of Langston. I

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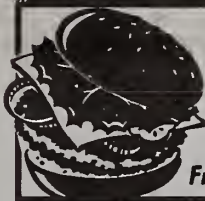
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# Football team wins home opener

by Chris Girouard  
Contributing writer

"This feels good!"

That's the way Falcon coach Mike Woessner summed up the play of his team and their 24-0 domination of rival Framingham State.

The win was the second straight for the still undefeated Falcons, who for the first time in the school's football history posted back to back shut-outs.

"We've had slogans all year," Woessner said. "Our slogan right now is no excuses. When teams win, they don't have to make excuses."

FSC received the opening kick off but on three quick downs were forced to punt. The punt was fumbled and the Falcons recovered on the Framingham 33 yard line.

"The key to any game is to take advantage of turnovers," Woessner said.

Over the next several minutes the teams traded turnovers including a Framingham interception of FSC quarterback

Jason Dyer and another fumbled punt recovered by the Falcons.

With Framingham pinned at their own 30 yard line, Falcon Senior Co-captain Mike Barry picked off a pass and returned it for the first score of the game and a 6-0 Falcon lead.

On FSC's next possession Jason Flannery rumbled in from four yards out for the score. The two point conversion failed and the score remained 12-0.

With 11:15 remaining in the first half, Senior Co-captain Matt Kiggins caught a 38-yard pass to the two-yard line. This set up a run by Dyer who went in for the score boosting FSC's lead to 18-0.

"Give him time to throw and Jason will come through," Woessner said. "We were also able to run the ball and set up the option."

The Falcons closed out the half with a 27-yard touchdown pass from Dyer to freshman Dan Verdier for a 24-0 score.

In the second half the defenses took over as

neither team was able to put the ball in the end zone.

The Falcons did come close, however, when Dyer ran the ball to the left on the quarterback option and got into the end zone. However, the play was nullified by an FSC offensive penalty.

"It was a clip call on our receiver," Dyer said. "If it was a close game it would have mattered more."

The Falcon defense was strong throughout the game as they held Framingham to just six yards total offense in the first half and 16 yards on the day.

"The key was our defense," Dyer said. "They had a great game and got us the ball in good spots."

"All the players are excited; we can build on this," Dyer said.

This week FSC travels to Westfield State for a Friday night game.

"Westfield is a tough team," Woessner said. "We have a short week to prepare."

# Field hockey loses

by Norman Miller  
Contributing writer

The Fitchburg State College field hockey team began their 1994 campaign with a narrow loss at home to the Huskies of Southern Maine in overtime by a score of 1-0.

Defense was the Falcon's strong point, despite the loss, with excellent play by captain Tina Leger. However, the real star on defense was freshman goal-keeper Dianne Marshall, making nine saves and allowing only an impossible shot slip by her

1:18 into overtime.

On the other side of the field, FSC couldn't get it going offensively. They rarely crossed midfield, and didn't get a shot off on goal, partly because of the great defense of the Huskies, but also because FSC seemed a little rusty in the team's first game of the season. Another factor in the team's lack of offensive power is inexperience with only six junior and seniors returning.

The Huskies (5-0-0), one of the best teams in New England, dominated the time of possession from start to finish. But they

couldn't score during regular time play, despite the numerous chances they had and the seventeen shots they attempted. That all changed in overtime when senior Denise Arsenault scored the winning goal for the Huskies.

Coach Lisa Valardi, beginning her second season as coach of the Falcons, said, "We played great; defensively, we hung tough." The coach also said that she was impressed by the play of Marshall as well as of freshmen Ashely Aube and Kristen Hogan.

After a game on the

# Falcons savour first victory

by Chris Girouard  
Contributing writer

Undefeated. A word that has never before been used to describe the FSC football program is now on the tip of everyone's tongues.

For the first time in the school's football history, the team is 1-0 on the season, having won their season opener 20-0 at Curry College.

According to head coach Mike Woessner, this doesn't change the team's outlook for the season.

"We felt we could win games this year," Woessner said. "If we were to go out and lose the first game that could bring us down. Our outlook is to win."

The win is not only the first ever to open the season but is also the Falcons' first victory since 1991.

"It's more important to win a game regardless if it is game one, two, or four," Woessner said. "Especially for the kids who stuck it out through the years."

This is especially true with the defense which includes five seniors of the seven players returning from last year.

"Our defense is our strength; it's always consistent," Woessner said. "We're hopeful our offense will put us over the hump in close games."

As of Thursday, the team was preparing for Saturday's home opener against Framingham State as best they could.

"This will be Framingham State's first game. We haven't seen them to scout them," Woessner said. "We'll just prepare for any situation and try to do what we do best."

The Falcons may have an easier time at doing what they do best this year against Framingham. They will be without Rod Patten, wide receiver, punt returner and the all-time leading receiver in Division III.

"It takes a load off of our minds," said Woessner.

The Falcons will be led this season by captains Mike Barry, Dave Mambro, Owen Bard, and Matt Kiggins, but Woessner said that everyone is a key player.

"Not everyone is a starter but everyone has a roll in the game. We are not four or five players deep at any position."

Woessner hoped to celebrate his daughter Shaunna Michelle's five month birthday on Sunday with a victory Saturday.

"I don't think I can say we'll win every game," he said, "but hopefully we'll be in every game and get the break we need to win."

20th at Nichols' the team returns back home for a game against Western New England College on Sep-

tember 24. When asked what the biggest change would be for the next game, Valardi said, "Scor-